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1. PRE-QUALIFICATION PERIOD FOR OIL COVANIES INTERESTED IN SECOND ROUND OF RISK CONTRACTS ENDED MAY 30. TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES THAT SUBMITTED NECESSARY PAPERWORK HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED BUT, ACCORDING TO PRES REPORTS PETROBRAS HAD RECEIVED ONLY 20 APPLICATIONS AS OF MAY 30. ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS, HOWEVER, WERE EXPECTED TO BE FORWARDED FROM PETROBRAS' OVERSEAS OFFICES. COMPANIES WHICH HAD PRE-QUALIFIED FOR THE FIRST ROUND (A TOTAL OF 44 FIRMS) HAD ONLY TO UPDATE THEIR APPLICATIONS WITH 1976 DATE IN ORDER TO PRE-QUALIFY FOR THE SECOND ROUND.

2. PETROBRAS HAS RELEASED MAPS (COPIES BEING FORWARDED BY AIRGRAM) OF THE 25 AREAS OPENED FOR THE SECOND ROUND BIDDING. ALL THE AREAS ARE LOCATED OFF-SHORE, AND IN SEVERAL CASES UNCLASSIFIED

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ADJOIN LOCATIONS THAT WERE CONTRACTED FOR IN THE FIRST ROUND. EIGHT BLOCKS (3,075 SQ. KM EACH) ARE IN THE AMAZON BASIN AT DEPTHS OF UP TO 200 METERS; FOURTEEN ARE LOCATED IN THE SANTOS BASIN (RANGING FROM THE STATE OF RIO DE JANEIRO TO THE STATE OF SANTA CATARINA); ONE AREA IS OFF-SHORE SLIGHTLY SOUTH-EAST OF FLORIANOPM81VPQWVOA CATARINA; AND THE REMAINING TWO BLOCKS ARE OFF SOUTHERN RIO GRANDE DO SUL NEAR THE LIMIT OF BRAZIL'S

TERRITORIAL WATERS. MANY OF THE NEW BLOCKS ADJOIN EACH OTHER,
THUS ENABLING A COMPANY TO BID FOR A LARGE CONTINUOUS AREA.

3. PETROBRAS WILL ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE PRE-
QUALIFICATION PHASE IN MID-JUNE. PRE-QUALIFIED COMPANIES THAT
WISH TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL MUST PURCHASE THE GEOLOGICAL DATA
ON THE TWENTY FIVE AREAS FROM PETROBRAS AT A FIXED PRICE OF
\$250,000. PETROBRAS WILL ALSO FURNISH EACH COMPANY WITH A
FORM CONTRACT, BASED ON THE FOUR CONTRACTS ALREADY SIGNED AND
FORMING AN EFFECTIVE "MINIMUM" CONTRACT.
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